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Sun Spots

Community picnic

South Bay residents are invited to a free "Community Picnic" on Friday, April 11 from 4 to 8 p.m. in Tanne Park.

The event is being held to encourage any family who has not filled out their Census form to come and able to receive help with the form. Also, any family that did NOT receive a ballot is encouraged to stand and they can also be counted. For more information, call City Clerk Virginia Walker at 996-6751.

Children's Fishing Contest is Saturday

The Black Gold Jubilee Children's Fishing Contest will be Saturday, April 15 at the Belle Glade Marina.

The event, which begins at 9 a.m., and is free, is open to all children ages 12 and under.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and picked up early at the Belle Glade Fire Department, 1000 N. Fire Rescue, the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce or at any of the local schools.

Retirement Luncheon

The faculty and staff of Glades Central Community High School is sponsoring a retirement luncheon for Myrtle Clayton, who is retiring after 32 years of teaching media resources in the Media Center/Library.

The community, students, and friends of Mrs. Clayton are invited to celebrate her retirement at a buffet luncheon on April 29 at 1 p.m. in the Media Center of Glades Central. Cost of the luncheon is \$20.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact Laura Hoard by April 10 at 993-4403.

Retirement Dinner for Antoine Russell

A retirement dinner is being planned for Antoine Russell, principal at School of CHOICE in Pahokee.

The event will be held Saturday, May 13 at Binks Forest Country Club in Wellington. The donation is \$35 and due by April 15.

For more information contact Letangela McCauley at School of CHOICE 924-6510.

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Lake Level

April 4
14.94 ft. above
sea level

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Bellamy Brothers headliners at Jubilee 2000

Country hit makers The Bellamy Brothers will perform in a free concert at the annual Black Gold Jubilee on the Lakeside Concert Stage at 8 p.m., April 15. The event will be held at the Belle Glade Marina.

David and Howard Bellamy struck gold in 1976 with their #1 hit "Let Your Love Flow," and 30 top ten hits followed, with 14 #1s that included "If I Said You Had A Beautiful Body Would You Hold It Against Me," "Sugar Daddy," "Do You Love As Good As You Look," and "Kids of the Baby Boom."

To date, the Bellamy Brothers have more major award nominations than any duo in country music history. They have released over 28 albums, which have garnered them over 13 #1 singles, 30 plus Top 10 Hits and 52 chart singles. The Bellamy's latest album is "Lonely Planet," recorded on Charlie Daniel's record label. This duo continues to deliver to one of music's most diverse crowds, and they remain a presence on the video networks, in dance clubs and on oldies stations.

Jubilee events kick off Thursday, April 6, with the Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold Pageant at 7 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

Events continue on Saturday, April 8, with the Children's Fishing Contest at the Belle Glade Marina. Registration is from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and fishing begins at 9 a.m. Parents are encouraged to bring their children ages 0-15.

The Jubilee Night Golf and the dance will be Saturday, April 8. Golf starts at 7 p.m. and the dance will begin at 9 p.m.

The Jubilee Gospel Sing will be held Tuesday, April 11 at the Community United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. The Harvest Queen Pageant is April 14 and begins at 7 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

The main Jubilee weekend is Saturday, April 15 and begins with a 5K Walk/Run at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course. A parade down Main Street begins at 10 a.m. and then activities move back to the Belle Glade Marina.

There will be arts and crafts, a multitude of free children's activities, entertainment on the main stage all day, a variety of food vendors and a street painting competition.

For more information on the many events planned, contact Janice Goforth at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce at 996-2745 or Jubilee Chair Carl Seibert at 993-3343.

**Police Department,
task force to address
problems in Amaryllis
neighborhood**

By Tracy Whirls

A group of Pahokee residents have formed a task force, the Pahokee Urban Redevelopment Committee and are meeting each Tuesday to plan revitalization efforts in the Second Street/Amaryllis neighborhood of Pahokee.

Members of the group including Flora Todd, Scott Parker and Barbara Branch told the Pahokee commission at their regular meeting last Tuesday that they will work closely with other agencies, including the city, police department, code enforcement department and others to identify and purchase derelict buildings with the goal of demolishing them and offering the property for resale, to attract new businesses to the area, and to eliminate drug trafficking in the neighborhood.

Barbara Branch told the commissioners that a group of Eagle Academy students working to clean up trash in the neighborhood recovered two, gallon-sized freezer bags, full of packages that had apparently been used to package narcotics.

Pahokee Police Chief Carmen Salvatore told commissioners that he and officers assigned to patrol the neighborhood will meet with the citizens group weekly to hear their concerns, but he said the lack of available manpower to mount a permanent police presence in the area hampers efforts to eliminate drug trafficking in the neighborhood.

"We can go in for two or three



Pahokee resident Barbara Branch showed commissioners drug-related debris picked up in the Amaryllis area during the Clean Up project.

days and really saturate the area, but without a sustained police presence the third day they'll be back," Chief Salvatore said.

Commissioner Keith Babb commended the residents for treating the task force and urged the police department to

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The Bellamy Brothers will perform on the Lakeside Entertainment Stage at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 15 at the Belle Glade Marina during the 22nd Annual Black Gold Jubilee.

Nine file for Pahokee commission, mayor's race

By Tracy Whirls

Nine candidates will vie for three commission seats and the mayor's job when Pahokee residents vote on May 2.

Vice Mayor Roy Singletary announced last month that he was resigning his commission seat to seek the mayor's post, currently held by incumbent Mayor Alvis Davis.

Also on the ballot for the election are:

• City Commission Group I: E. Eugene Babb, Hugh H. Branch and Larry M. Wright.

• City Commission Group II: Glen H. Carrick and incumbent Commissioner Pete Moore.

• City Commission Group III: Incumbent Commissioner Keith W. Babb, Jr. and Kay Zaccagnino.

Winners of the May 2 election will serve a two-year term.

**Smelly thieves? Three caught
stealing \$36 worth of
deodorant from Family Dollar**

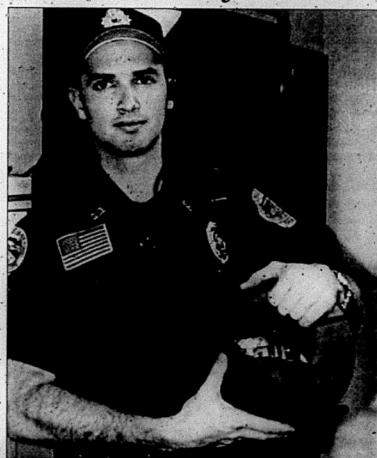
Three alleged deodorant thieves found out it sometimes doesn't pay to worry about underarm odor.

Belle Glade Police responded to a call from Family Dollar Store at 551 S.W. 16th Street, Tuesday morning about 9 a.m.

Store personnel said they caught three people stealing roll-on deodorant and hiding it in a sliced open basketball. Arrested were Charles Grey, 27, Parrish Roberson, 36, and Valerie Robinson, 41, all of Belle Glade.

Store officials said after witnessing the theft, they locked the front door and called police. Officers Michael Woodside, Carol Sessions and Dahel Acosta responded. Officer Woodside said the three suspects have prior records and Roberson was arrested earlier in the week for theft. The value of the deodorant was listed at about \$36. Police believe the trio planned to sell the stolen merchandise to another store in town at half price.

The three have been charged with retail theft. The detective bureau is still investigating the case.



Officer Michael Woodside holds the cut basketball filled with some of the Right Guard deodorant stolen from Family Dollar on Tuesday. Photo By Brenda Bunting

**Church fellowship**

Members of Greater Union Missionary Baptist Church, 249 N.W. 9th Avenue, South Bay, invite the public to attend their Pre-Women's Day Celebration. The event will be held Sunday, April 9 beginning at 3 p.m.

For more information, call Pastor Charlie Reese at 993-4903.

Census Count 2000

Anyone who did not receive the Census 2000 form or who needs help completing the form can go to any Palm Beach County Library for assistance.

All Glades libraries will have a representative to help with question regarding the Census 2000.

The schedule for the Belle Glade Municipal Library is as follows: Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 to 2:30 and again from 6 to 8 p.m.

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devise a plan to combat drug trafficking in the neighborhood.

In other business, the commissioners approved a motion by vice mayor Roy Singletary to rename East Fifth Street Martin Luther King Blvd. because Martin Luther King Park is located on that street. A motion by Mayor Alvis Davis to rename Rardin Avenue M.L. King Avenue died for a lack of a second.

In other business, the commissioners:

•Approved the use of the newly renovated Park Building by the city Parks and Recreation Department, as the site for an afterschool/summer recreational program, funded by a \$142,000 grant from the

On Thursday and Friday helpers are available from 10 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. On Saturdays, a volunteer will help from 10 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

It's important that everyone is counted. It is also the law.

For more information, call the Belle Glade Municipal Library at 996-3453.

Come meet Tigger

Come meet Tigger at the Belle Glade Branch Library on Saturday, April 8 at 2:30 p.m.

Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, songs and face painting.

For more information, please call the library at 996-3453.

Family Literacy Night

The Title I Migrant Family Literacy Night will be held Tuesday, April 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Belle Glade Branch Library.

There will be storytelling, math activities, door prizes and refreshments.

For additional information, please call 993-4082.

Jubilee Volleyball

The deadline for teams to

enter the Jubilee Volleyball Tournament is fast approaching. Volleyball Chairman Dick Schmidt said the application deadline is April 7. To enter your team, call Mr. Schmidt at 996-8782 or the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce at 996-2745.

New foot bridge & 7th Street Bridges open

The City of Belle Glade has reopened the new foot bridge, located directly across from the new Lake Shore Middle School.

The reopening of the bridge will allow the children attending both Lake Shore Middle and Belle Glade Elementary to cross safely, and to not have to deal with the heavy traffic located on the 5th Street Bridge. Parents are urged to have their children use the newly redone foot bridge, not the 5th Street Bridge.

Also, residents should note the 7th Street Bridge has reopened. City officials say there is a slight bump at the south approach. The county has committed money to the city to repair the problem, which should be corrected by June, 2000.

that the effort is made difficult by the city's small staff.

•Approved a revision of the city's ordinance outlining criteria for yard (garage) sales on the first reading. In response to a comment from Commissioner Pete Moore, City Manager Ken Schenck said that peddlers will no longer be allowed to operate in the Thriftway parking lot, since the property's owner has decided to give them written permission, as required by the recently approved peddler ordinance.

•Approved \$82,185 in repairs to the fourteen finger docks at Pahokee Marina which were damaged by Hurricane Irene. The insurance company will cover the cost of the repairs.

•Approved \$26,899

Department of Juvenile Justice to serve an estimated 250 girls aged 10-16. The commission also approved allocating an estimated \$10,000 for renovation of the facility's restrooms and air conditioning unit.

•Accepted the audit prepared by Nowlen, Holt and Miner. The auditors said the city should address cash flow problems which have caused the city to be late in making bond payments due the 15th of each month, improve revenue from the city's water and sewage plants by continuing to make improvements in the condition of those facilities using grant funds, and perhaps by increasing rates, and continue efforts to segregate staff duties, although the auditors admitted

Man dies after jumping from bridge

A Canal Point man died Tuesday morning after he jumped from the Canal Point Bridge at SR 441 and Canal Street.

John Davis, Jr., 51, of Canal Point was apparently distraught over his relationship with his girlfriend and jumped from the bridge at approximately 6:30 a.m. April 4.

According to Palm Beach County Sheriff's Detective Tom Lapaglia, a Palm Beach bus driver, who had spoken to the man, notified the sheriff's office. The Sheriff's Office helicopter and divers attempted to rescue the man but were unsuccessful. The victim's body was recovered from Lake Okeechobee at 8:45 a.m. and transported to the medical examiner's office.

Belle Glade man dies in traffic accident on South Main Street

A Belle Glade man died after being trapped in his vehicle following a traffic accident on Main Street.

Felio Martinez Guzman, 31, of Belle Glade was pronounced dead at Glades General Hospital.

According to a press release from the Belle Glade Police Department, on Saturday, April 1 at 5 p.m., members of the Belle Glade Police Department responded to 685 South Main Street, Belle Glade, in reference to a traffic accident.

Upon arrival, officers observed a 1993 Dodge passenger vehicle that had extensive damage. The driver of the vehicle was trapped in the vehicle and not responsive.

Members of the Belle Glade Fire Department, utilizing the "Jaws of Life," extricated the victim from the vehicle.

The cause of the accident is unknown and is being investigated by Traffic Homicide Investigator Sgt. Darren Read.

Palms West MRI opens state-of-the-art



Dr. John Papa, D.C., of Royal Palm Beach Medical Center experiences the feeling of Palms West MRI's state-of-the-art Hitachi Airis II Open MRI system. Assisting Dr. Papa are Debbie Money, MRI technician, and Mary Ann McCarty, assistant.

Palms West MRI, Palm Beach County's first Open MRI, celebrated the opening of their new location in Royal Palm Beach with an open house on Friday, March 24.

Guests had the opportunity to see, first-hand, Palms West MRI's new Open MRI facility. After evaluating the latest Open MRI systems on the market, Palms West MRI concluded that the Hitachi II has the best scan quality and is unsurpassed for open design. Officials say the Hitachi II offers patients the best of both worlds — patient comfort with state-of-the-art imaging technology.

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"Thank you" for freedom of speech. Regarding Mayor Miller's saying she will no longer respond to citizens' questions or concerns in Speak Out this is what we have to say: We voted for you. What is your problem? If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.

You are a city elected official and therefore are responsible to us, the people.

Chief Miller and other public people respond to our questions and so do public officials in other towns.

This is only one thing I see in your personality, and one which will not get my vote ever again."

Knows what they saw

"I'd like to add something about Mayor Harma Miller having city employees working around her house on the clock. I know she said this wasn't true, but I saw it myself."

So, I think it's a shame that the people of Belle Glade are not being told the truth.

I also heard she has said she won't respond to Speak Out any more. Well, I think we deserve a response and the truth."

Is City of Belle Glade hiring a grants person?

"I have a question for the city commissioners. There are rumors that the city is hiring a person to go out and lobby for grants for the city. I'm not sure I understand this."

Isn't this part of the city manager's job? It was in the previous manager's job duties, and he did it well.

Why are we spending more city funds to do a job that is supposed to be done by the city manager? Does the mayor have another family member needing a job?

I mean no disrespect toward Mr. Tate, assistant public service director (a.k.a. Harma Miller's son-in-law). He is doing a fine job. But it is also my understanding that this position, like the grant position, was not needed with the previous management.

Is this because the current department heads can't do the job?

A concerned taxpayer."

Editor's note: Last week a caller questioned why the old Lake Equipment Tractor Company off State Road 715 was not torn down by the owners since it is an eyesore and a possible safety hazard for the public. After further research, we found that the building is owned by the state, not by an individual, and has not been leased out for almost 10

years. The state has plans for part of the property, but it is their responsibility to tear down the building. It will also be their responsibility if someone is injured by flying debris from the building.

Census missed some in Belle Glade

"Census questionnaires were not delivered to many of west, southwest 12th Street. We are anxious to be included in this count, but can't find anyone who can give us answers for this dilemma."

We need someone to tell us how a section of Belle Glade citizens where left out and who is accountable for this problem."

Telephone bills

"I'm calling about Southern Bell. They have no place where we can electronically pay our bills. I wish someone would look into this and find a place where we could go to pay our bills."

Call Speaks Out about firing of Capt. Frechette

In reference to the Palm Beach County Sheriff that was fired from Belle Glade for an alleged relationship he had with one of his coworkers. He was fired because he would not answer their questions.

What about Bill Clinton when he sat up there and said certain sexual acts did not constitute a sexual relationship? Don't you think he dodged a lot? And people still forgive him and he's still president.

It just doesn't seem fair for this man to lose his job when they don't even have proof. It's not fair and it's just not right."

Something's seriously wrong here

"I am reading in the Speak Out about the city employee who has questions and then the editor's note that says "the mayor of Belle Glade has said she will no longer respond to citizen's concerns or questions in Speak Out."

She is a public figure. This is her job. And even though it does take time out of her day, this is part of her business. This is what people elected her to do and if she doesn't want to do that there is something seriously wrong here. Really wrong."

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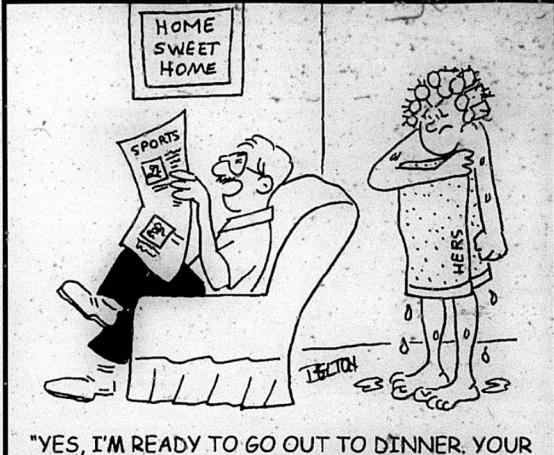
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Letters to the Editor

"Women of Accomplishment" an honor to attend

Dear Editor:

On the night of March 27 there was an event at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade that was a privilege to attend. Not only was the event professionally programmed and carried out, it served a very real purpose in the region, that of honoring various Women of Accomplishment, regardless of their formal education or lack of same. And it introduced some of us to the facility that heretofore had only been a name.

It was inspiring to see and hear these women and to note the threads of their lives that tied them together in spite of their highly diverse areas of accomplishment, namely, the influence of their respective mothers and education. Significantly, there was hardly any mention of fathers.

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The Tomlin Family to perform at Miracle Temple Friday

The Tomlin Family, a Southern gospel music group, will perform Saturday, April 8 at Miracle Temple, 104 S. W. 16th Street (SR 715) Belle Glade at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Over 200 enjoy Pahokee Sunset Watch

Riley-Sparks to wed

Mr. and Mrs. David Riley of Belle Glade are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Debba Sue Riley to Rocky J. Sparks of Pahokee.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sparks of Pahokee.

The wedding is planned for

Dolly and Homer Hand to be honored by Stetson

Belle Glade residents Dolly and Homer Hand will be presented with the Doyle E. Carlton Award from Stetson University during The Gala, a performance of internationally known artists from Stetson University's School of Music at the Royal Poinciana Playhouse at 8 p.m. April 15.

The Carlton Award is presented in recognition of devotion to Christian higher education and is in appreciation for extraordinary contributions to the life and development of Stetson University, the city of Deland and the state of Florida.

In making their Palm Beach debut, the program will feature the best in instrumental and vocal entertainment, with nearly 300 student and faculty

musicians performing in small and large ensemble Selections will include Bach, Beethoven and Mozart, as well as patriotic pieces, Broadway hits, Big Band Era swing and jazz.

Doors to the Royal Poinciana Playhouse will open at 7 p.m. and the concert will begin at 8 p.m.

Under the leadership of Dr. James Woodward, dean of the school of music, The Gala has successfully performed to full houses in Daytona Beach and Orlando over the past five years.

Tickets to the gala are \$15 and are available by calling 1-800-688-4287.

Proceeds will benefit the school of music.

Obituary

Benjamin F. Corbett, 85, of Canal Point died Friday, March 28, 2000 at his home. He was born in Atkinson County, Ga., in 1914 and moved to the Canal Point area in 1930. Mr. Corbett was a long distance truck driver for many years, hauling produce to northern markets. He was also a member of the Air Force during World War II.

Mr. Corbett is survived by his loving wife, Thelma of Canal Point; three daughters, Connie Barnes of Benton, Ark., Joann Vives of Clewiston and Brenda Brady of Pahokee; four brothers, Ralph Corbett of Roseburg, Or., Talmadge Corbett of Lamont, Henry Corbett of Sebring, White of Lake Placid; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 1 at Glades Funeral Chapel in Belle Glade with Rev. Bill Deier officiating. Interment followed at Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Arrangements by Glades Funeral Chapel, Belle Glade.

Pahokee Main Street and the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce served corn on the cob, provided by Hugh H. Branch, Inc., to more than 200 guests at their March Sunset Watch. They were entertained by a professional square dance caller and joined in the fun with his troupe to learn the steps and turns. Native author, Ann O'Connell Rust was there to sign the books purchased by those eager to learn more about the

real Florida. Maria Mills displayed beautiful paintings as well as Sunset Watch t-shirts by "Design Mills," and Sandra Jarriel offered her delicious "Jarriel's Jamellies."

"What a great time we had as we welcomed guests from 10 states, 17 cities, and six countries, including Germany, Scotland, England, Canada, Spain and Sweden," said Barbara Branch, Sunset Watch Chair. "As the sun sets we play a bagpipe version of

"Amazing Grace," which really impressed the folks from Scotland and set the mood for the evening."

Shirley Jarriel, Pahokee Main Street Coordinator, expressed her thanks to all of those who have worked to make this event successful.

"The objective of the Sunset Watch is to attract visitors to our beautiful lakefront, to entertain and attract more campers to our campground and to promote Pahokee busi-

nesses. We are pleased that this objective has been met and exceeded."

"I would especially like to recognize the following who gave so much: Hugh H. Branch, Inc.; Foodland of Pahokee; Margie Branch, Alice and Don Thompson, Judy Fowler, Wayne Jarriel, Paul and Bruce Levins, the City of Pahokee and of course, Barbara Branch who is always working to promote this community."

Xi Zeta Mu name their 'Girl of the Year'

Xi Zeta Mu held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Judy McMillan on Monday, Feb. 28. Laurel Tarr and Gredale York served as co-hosts.

A delicious array of salads was enjoyed by all. Pat McKee presented a program on the art of creating a vegetable tree centerpiece.

Janise Goforth, club president presided over the business meeting. Jane Evans was the gift raffle winner.

Perfect attendance pins were awarded to: Karen Corbin, 14 years, Linda McMillan, 12 years, Judy McMillan, 10 years, Gloria

Swager, 9 years, Sandra Chamblee, 7 years, Laura Mae Enfinger, 7 years, Gredale York, 6 years, Janise Goforth, 4 years, Sara Phillips, 3 years, and Laurel Tarr, 2 years.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Sandra Chamblee was honored with a surprise 60th birthday celebration. Those in attendance were Florence Acree, Karen Corbin, Laura Mae Enfinger, Jane Evans, Janise Goforth, Pat McKee, Judy McMillan, Linda McMillan, Laverne Motes, Sara Phillips, Gloria Swager, Laurel Tarr, and Gredale York.

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Members of Xi Zeta Mu Sorority have taken part in several social outings in recent weeks. The chapter's anniversary luncheon was held at the historic Sundy house in Delray Beach on Saturday, Feb. 26. Following the luncheon, members enjoyed a lovely tour of the tropical botanical gardens. The afternoon ended with shopping and a movie. Those in attendance were Karen Corbin, Sandra Chamblee, Laura Mae Enfinger, Pat McKee, Judy McMillan, Linda McMillan, Laverne Motes, Sara Phillips, Gloria Swager and Gredale York.

Belle Glade teen performs at Reach for the Stars' rally

She's been singing since she was four years old. And, this year at 17, Moira Konchella was selected to sing the National Anthem at the "Reach for the Stars" youth rally where renowned government leaders General Colin Powell and Governor Jeb Bush were speakers. The rally was held Friday, March 31 at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

Selected from her demo tape to be one of 12 performers featured during the rally, Ms. Konchella was later contacted by the event coordinator and requested to sing the National Anthem. Of this she said, "I was overwhelmed at first. And, I was glad I already knew the words. This was such an honor and a really important step in my career."

The Glades Central senior will be attending Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. this fall to major in vocal performance. She is her school's nominee for Pathfinder in vocal music and is a member of the superior-rated Glades Central



Moira Konchella

Community High School Chorus and Street Beat, a community chorus of teenagers. She also received a superior rating in Thespian's

Individual Event District Competition, where she sang the show tune, "Home" from "The Wizard of Oz."

The rally attracted 2,000 middle and high school students from throughout Palm Beach County and was sponsored by "Boca Raton's Promise." "Boca's Promise" is an affiliate of "America's Promise-The Alliance for Youth," founded three years ago by General Powell, a "national crusade aimed at producing a significant nationwide increase in positive youth development support for all children who need help." Students were treated to motivational speakers, a talent show, exhibitors from medical, literacy and other help organizations throughout the country, as well as lunch. Among students attending the rally from the Glades were participants in the Glades Leadership Council, College Outreach Program and Communities in Schools.

Local Houses of Worship

ST. JOHN FROST BAPTIST CHURCH

600 SW 8th Street
Rev. B. Adams

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

223 NW Avenue
Father Ralph Banks

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Richard Arndt

ST. PHILIP'S BENEZI CATHOLIC CHURCH

710 SW 8th Main Street

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

1400 S. Main Street

THE BAPTIST CHURCH

17 NW Avenue B

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Sports this week

Sun sports this week

April 6, 2000

Pahokee Lady Blue Devils softball, vs. St. Edwards, away, 3 p.m.
Glades Day Gators JV baseball vs. St. Andrews, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Gators varsity baseball vs. St. Andrews, home, 7 p.m.
Glades Central varsity baseball vs. Jupiter, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators JV softball vs. St. Andrews, away, 4 p.m.
Glades Day Lady Gators varsity softball vs. St. Andrews, home, 4 p.m.
Glades Central tennis vs. John Leonard, away, 4 p.m.
Glades Day tennis, vs. Lake Placid, home, 4 p.m.

April 7, 2000

Glades Central track team, conference, home, 3:30 p.m.
Glades Day Gators varsity baseball vs. Glades Central, away, 7 p.m.
Pahokee track team, conference, away, 3:30 p.m.

Glades Central varsity baseball vs. Glades Day, home, 7 p.m.
Glades Central Lady Raiders softball vs. Royal Palm Beach, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators JV softball vs. Moore Haven, away, 4 p.m.
Glades Day Lady Gators varsity

softball vs. St. Edwards, away, 3:30 p.m.

Glades Central tennis vs. Clewiston, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day tennis vs. LaBelle, home, 3:30 p.m.

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Members of the Skydive America dive team at Pahokee Airport are among the 16 international competitors in town this week competing in the "Space Ball" finals, as shown on ESPN X Games and MTV's Road Rules! Pictured are, left to right, Mike Swanson, Drop Zone manager Dave Padyasiek, Olav-Zipser and Stefania Martinengo.

(Photo by Steve Utter)

Space Games filmed at Pahokee Airport to be distributed worldwide by Sony Television

New Tribe Entertainment, a West Palm Beach based production company, has announced a licensing agreement with AXN Sony Television Network. The Space Games extreme flying events taped at Skydive America in Pahokee will now be seen throughout the world. AXN premiered the first two shows on their Latin American action network. With over 44 million viewers tuning in for the first two episodes, Space Games is already proving to be a huge success for both AXN Sony and New Tribe Entertainment.

New Tribe President, Larry Kerschenbaum, says he is "proud that Space Games is becoming an international product." We're thrilled with the deal and look forward to many more to come."

This red hot, West Palm Beach based production company has a new market, a new video and a new event. Skydive America is hosting the first World Championship Space Games event at its Palm Beach County facility, West Glades Airport, from March 31-April 8, 2000.

"Further, Faster, Higher" is the motto of the Space Games. Comprised of six different freely competitions, athletes compete at speeds exceeding 300 mph. Athletes from all over the world are

expected to fly in and compete for the grand prize of \$25,000. Fans and onlookers searching for a vicious thrill are welcome to attend. Contact Skydive America at 1-800-BLUE-SKY for details.

The competition is the brainchild of Olav Zipser, German champion in the four-way and eight way events in 1988 who, partnered with former investment banker Kerschenbaum, are the owners and operators of Skydive America in at the Palm Beach County Airport, at Pahokee.

"This is a very fast, growing sport. We have four competitions a year, and when we had the first at the end of 1997, there were eight licensed people, now there are 183 people," Mr. Zipser said.

At each round of competition, skydivers earn points to qualify for the championship.

"It's the first skydiving competition to concentrate on racing. Before, you might have four people perform a sequence of moves, and later on video compare that with the next four. It's not really a race; it would be like if we had a marathon from here to New York and you start today and I start next week. In the space games, you're traveling 180 mph shoulder to shoulder, performing the maneuvers—it brings out the best athlete."

Among the events the skydivers compete in are the Free Flight Indy 500, in which two divers, flying at 150-160 mph fly through a "gate" made of two pilons and then rotate around them, performing two 360-degree rotations on either side of the "gate." Another, called the "Bermuda Triangle Tracking Race" in which contestants are judged by the "glide ratio" and their precision in estimating a targeted landing in a jump from two miles.

"It's not by accident that you land some where. Even in freefall, you're manipulating the way you fly through the sky and by your adjustments, the aerodynamic impact of your body," Mr. Zipser explained.

The other competition, for which the event is named, "Space Ball," involves two divers flying simultaneously with a weighted tennis ball, released by a space ball master, who must perform three different rotations. The skydiver who is fastest, most precise and closest to the space ball wins.

"The free flyers try to put harmony in the low and high pressure areas around the body—executing the move with the minimum of movement, which only works because you're in an accelerated space," Mr. Zipser said.

New Tribe Entertainment plans

to complete several more shows at the West Glades Airport facility of Skydive America and will market these shows for both television and extreme sports distribution.

The company has also released "Clouds Edge," a video highlighting some of the spectacular moments from previous Space Games adventures. The video has captured the attention of the national and international skydiving community and was recently featured in "Skydiving," a national trade magazine. The rave reviews are pouring in about this exciting and innovative new video.

Film Commissioner Chuck Elderd says, "New Tribe is making things happen. Pahokee and the Glades area are being put on the international map as a profitable venue for sporting competition and film and television production. Skydive America and New Tribe Entertainment are creating interest in the western communities. They are creating jobs, but most importantly, they are bringing tourists to Palm Beach County. With the AXN Sony licensing agreement, this trend of developing employment opportunities and cultivating tourism in the western communities will continue, most likely at an accelerated rate."

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